

Coach interview: Mark Wright

by Daniel Walsh

1. What is your earliest memory of playing football? As a seven-year old playing for Wahroonga Tigers in Sydney, I just loved it, scored a goal in my first game and was hooked for life.
2. When did you start playing soccer and what position did you play? I started playing when I was turning seven. Like all seven year olds I played everywhere the ball was. Later I was in midfield or wide defence, I really enjoyed midfield as you get the best of both worlds, being involved in attack and defence.
3. How long have you been coaching for? A long time. I started coaching when I was 12. The club needed coaches for the youngest team and encouraged juniors to take it on. I ended up coaching right through high school and am still coaching at 57.
4. Why do you think local sports clubs are important for community? They can be the life-blood of smaller communities, bringing everyone together for a common goal. Local sports clubs are often synonymous with community identity.
5. What is the most important thing you try to teach players? To have fun, it's a game after all. Have fun trying to be the best player they can be and the best team player they can be.
6. What advice would you give to folks who want to get better at soccer? Watch professional football games, observe how the game is played at the highest level and put into practice what you see.
7. What do you think makes a great teammate? Someone who is caring and



supportive of the group. Someone that will do whatever the team requires of them without question.

8. If you could coach any team in the world, which one would it be? The mighty Nimbin Headers, I just love the club and the community. I really like coaching junior and lower division senior teams, it's really rewarding taking these teams on a journey of football development. It is very satisfying to see massive improvements in individuals and teams when it all comes together.
9. What's the best part of being a part of the Nimbin Headers? I really like smaller clubs with a strong sense of community, a place where you can get to know most of the club members, players, coaches, committee members and supporters. I've been involved in seven clubs over the years, and the Headers is my favourite. Right from day one of joining the Headers I just felt like I'd found my footballing home.

Nimbin Demons season starts in May

by James Alexander

To kick off their second season in the revamped Northern Rivers AFL competition, the Nimbin Demons recently held a season launch BBQ and commenced pre-season training the next day under coach Tony Grumley.

Numbers so far are very encouraging, with close to 30 players having signed on already. In the mix is a good age and experience range, from veteran footballers to young fellas learning the game – more are always welcome.

Adding to the excitement, the Demons are enjoying training at their traditional home ground, Bellevue Park (known to the Dees as 'Demon Park') at the Nimbin Showgrounds for the first time in around 17 years.

This piece of land holds a lot of history for the Demons, being their home ground as far back as the 1980s. The Club is pleased to have entered into a lease



arrangement with the Nimbin A&I Society and look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship over the coming years.

The 2026 season is set to start in May, with a home-game AFL carnival day happening in Nimbin in early July, when all the competing teams will play in games over the course of the day. Make sure to put Saturday, 4th July

in your diary to come down and cheer on the local boys as they play their first home game in nearly two decades.

In the past, Nimbin home games were known for the biggest crowds in the region, with hundreds of spectators enjoying this high scoring, action packed game of Australian Rules Football.

With a new team and whole new approach, the

Demons are looking forward to getting the goals on the board at home again. Come and be a part of the action. Training is on each Tuesday and Thursday at 5.30 - all welcome

Even if playing isn't your thing, there are many ways to contribute to this home-grown footy club. For further information, ring Tony on 0476-037-492.

Thinking of playing football this season?

by the Nimbin Headers Committee

Nimbin Headers Women's teams are looking for just a few more players to complete our Championship and League 4 squads.

We've already got a strong and supportive group of players across both teams and we're shaping up for another fantastic 2026 season.

It's a great chance to build fitness, enjoy some healthy competition and be part of a welcoming football community with real social connection on and off the field.

If you're keen to join a great bunch of women, we'd love to hear from you. Get in touch to find out more.

The men's League 6 is also on the look-out for a few more players to fill out the team.

Are you keen to get fit, have a laugh and be part of a great club culture? This is your chance. All levels and abilities are welcome,



whether you've played before or you're just getting back into it. Good crew, good vibes and plenty of support.

Senior training is every Tuesday and Thursday evening, and the season

is about to kick off. Registrations will remain open until teams are full.

If you're interested or know someone who might be, please reach out – email any questions to: nimbinheaderssportsclub@gmail.com

Registrations are completed on-line via: www.playfootball.com.au Search for Nimbin Headers Football Club and follow the prompts. Up the Headers!

ANZAC Cup Open B team win one out of three

by Daniel Walsh

The Headers ANZAC Open B team won the tournament last year, but with a reshuffle of players had a new team and new task ahead of them.

The first game was at home against Ballina, and with a determined performance we tried hard but ended up going down 3-0.

We produced some good play but unsuccessful finishing on goal determined the result.

The second game was a trip out to a

wet and soggy Mullumbimby. Down on troops and with injuries, the men rallied hard for another 3-0 loss.

Despite the result in both games, all players held their head high and showed the Headers spirit of never giving up.

The final game was against Goonellabah on their home turf. Headers had a point to prove and wanted to show what we had in us.

First-time player Hamish opened the scoring for the mighty Green with a well-controlled finish. Jan continued the scoring with a lovely ball into the back of

the net.

Dan was the next to score with some great teamwork through Emmett. To finish off the scoring was Mark, who found open space and with great composure finished off with another goal. Nimbin came off victorious with a 4-2 win.

New player to the club, Izaiah was a stand-out in all three matches, showing great skill in every aspect.

We may not be in the final this year, but it was a good start to the year of showing the Nimbin spirit.

Nimbin Crossword solution

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NEW
140 Tuntable Creek Rd,
Nimbin 5 acres 3 1 3
\$950,000 - \$1,045,000
Agents: John & Samara



NEW
34 Meadow Place,
Uki 2.1ha 4 3 4
\$1,050,000
Agent: Jacqui



NEW
219 Stony Chute Rd,
Nimbin 39.88 ha 6 3 6
Contact Suzy



SOLD
3935 Kyogle Road,
Lillian Rock 8 acres 5 2 4
\$660,000
Agent: John



15/91 Robb Road
Lillian Rock
\$535,000
Agent: Jacqui



NEW PRICE
334 Green Pigeon Rd
Green Pigeon 5 Acres 4 1 2
\$900,000 - \$950,000
Agent: Suzy



SOLD
301 Wallace Road,
The Channon 11.5 acres 1 1 4
\$1,050,000
Agents: Samara & John



NEW PRICE
59 Abbey Road
Jiggi 15 acres 3 2 1
\$850,000
Agent: Jacqui



NEW PRICE
144 Link Road
Wadeville 2 ha 3 1 4
\$935,000
Agents: John & Michelle



NEW PRICE
312 Gungas Road,
Nimbin 36 ha 5 1 7
\$1,250,000
Agent: Jacqui



Coming Soon
The Channon
160 Acres 3 1 3
Contact Agent
Samara



Coming Soon
Nimbin
48.58 ha 5 4 6
Contact Agents
John & Michelle



SOLD
9 Thorburn Street,
Nimbin 382 m2 2 1 1
\$550,000
Agents: John & Michelle



SOLD
2/4 Silky Oak Drive
Nimbin 999m² 3 1 1
\$545,000
Agents: John & Jacqui



SOLD
11/91 Robb Rd
Lillian Rock 5 acres 4 2 4
\$620,000
Agents: John & Jacqui



SOLD
Lot B, 1233 Jiggi Rd
Georgica 100 acres 2 1 8
\$800,000
Agents: John & Michelle



NEW
59/74 Currajong Street
Evans Head 2 2 2
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